

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5, which were all indicated as allowed in the Final Office Action, remain in this application. Rejected claims 6, 7 and 9-12 have been canceled. As requested by the Examiner, a PTO/SB/08 form (substitute for form 1449/PTO) is enclosed herewith listing the three prior art references that were cited on a PTO/SB/08 form previously submitted by Applicants but crossed out by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and accordingly, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification and/or claims be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees, including any extension and/or excess claim fees, any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Goodwin Procter LLP Deposit Account No. 06-0923.

Respectfully submitted for Applicants,



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